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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, PFOR, GW

SUBJECT: LOS: UP-COMING LOS CONFERENCE SESSION

REF: STATE 054588

1. DURING MEETING MARCH 10 WITH RUHFUS OF FONOFF  
(STANDING IN FOR POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL) ON OTHER  
MATTERS, MINISTER RAISED SUBJECT OF LOS CON-  
FERENCE SESSION SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MARCH 15.

2. IN VIEW OF CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN US AND FRG  
LOS EXPERTS DURING VISITS AND INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS,  
EMBASSY BELIEVED FRG FONOFF AND LOS EXPERTS ARE  
FULLY AWARE THAT TIME FOR SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS HAS  
COME. MINISTER THEREFORE CAST POINTS CONTAINED  
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TERMS OF HOPE THAT FRG GOVERNMENT WOULD HELP TO

PERSUADE OTHER PARTICIPANTS AT SESSION THAT TIME HAS COME TO SHIFT FROM TACTICAL BARGAINING POSITIONS TO BASIC NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOAL OF ACHIEVING WIDELY ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISES ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

3. RUHFUS STATED THAT AMBASSADOR KNOKE, HEAD OF LOS TASK FORCE WITHIN FONOFF AND DE FACTO HEAD OF FRG DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE, WAS AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING BRIEFING THE FEDERAL CABINET ON LOS MATTERS. RUHFUS STATED THAT BASICALLY, OF COURSE, AS DISADVANTAGED STATE, FRG EXPECTED LOS CONVENTION TO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON CERTAIN FRG INTERESTS. WHEN MINISTER OPINED THAT EVEN SUCH AN AGREEMENT WAS BETTER FOR FRG THAN CHAOS AND ANARCHY, RUHFUS GRUDGINGLY AGREED.

4. IN REACTION TO THE US REQUEST, RUHFUS STATED THAT THE FRG WOULD APPRECIATE US SUPPORT IN SEEKING BACKING OF CANADA, NORWAY AND OTHER SIMILAR STATES IN CONNECTION WITH FRG'S PROBLEMS VIS-A-VIS THIRD WORLD. SOME OF

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THESE STATES WERE, FOR REASONS OF SELF-INTEREST,  
COOPERATING WITH THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN MAKING  
EXCESSIVE DEMANDS. (COMMENT: AFTER SEEKING TO  
DETERMINE WITH FONOFF REP AT WORKING LEVEL MEANING  
OF THIS RUHFUS COMMENT WE BELIEVE THAT RUHFUS WAS  
SEEKING US SUPPORT FOR FRG EFFORTS TO URGE MODERATION  
ON, FOR EXAMPLE, CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH ITS  
EXCESSIVE POSITIONS ON THE ECONOMIC ZONE, MARINE  
POLLUTION AND THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, AND ON NORWAY  
WITH REFERENCE TO ITS POSITION ON THE SEA-BED REGIME.)

5. RUHFUS MENTIONED THAT THE FRG HAD AT ONE TIME  
CONSIDERED SEEKING TO MOBILIZE LAND-LOCKED AND K  
SHELF-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO CREATE LEVERAGE  
TO HELP OFFSET FRG DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION. FRG  
HAD DELIBERATELY DECIDED TO ABSTAIN FROM DOING SO.  
HE SAID THAT THE FRG CABINET BELIEVES THAT THE FRG  
ITSELF HAD NOT SUFFICIENTLY WELL REPRESENTED ITS  
NATIONAL INTERESTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOS CONFERENCE.  
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6. RUHFUS CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT SHARED THE USG VIEW THAT TIME FOR THE  
CONFERENCE WAS RUNNING OUT. IT TOO WISHES TO SEE  
THE CONFERENCE COME TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

7. COMMENT: AT WORKING LEVEL, FONOFF REPRESENTATIVES  
HAVE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE BETTER US-FRG CONSULTA-  
TIONS SINCE THAN DURING THE GENEVA SESSION OF THE  
LOS CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY ON SEA-BED REGIME WOULD  
CARRY OVER THROUGH AND AFTER THE UPCOMING SESSION.  
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